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Title: Looming danger to Delhi due to traces of Uranium found in Punjab.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY : Madam, the State of Punjab is recognized as the granary of India but some alarming and appalling reports have been emerging out from the State of Punjab. That is in regard to the contamination of ground water. It is even reported that the depleted uranium being used by the American forces in Afghanistan and Iraq has been traveling through the air to the State of Punjab and also Delhi. Even in some areas, uranium contamination has been found in the underground water which is beyond the tolerance limit under the WHO guidelines. It is even reported that a quantity of 224 micrograms litre of uranium has been found in many parts of Punjab which is 15 times higher than the tolerance limit. The former Naval Chief Admiral Vishnu Bhaghat was even quoted as having said that the depleted uranium which is being used in our neighbouring country, Afghanistan, can cover thousand miles of air including Delhi. So, it is a matter of great concern. It is an alarming matter. Therefore, I would request the Government to look into this matter very seriously because it can cause a serious health hazard not only to the people of Punjab but also to the people of various parts of our country.